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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF

HEALTH

FOR THE

Year ended 31st December

1949.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 14 (3) of the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926, I beg to present to you my ANNUAL REPORT, for 1949, as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District.

This is an Ordinary Report, and is on the lines indicated in Circular 2/50 of the Ministry of Health, dated 25th January, 1950.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

1950.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical:

JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Others:

FRED HOLT, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., Sanitary Inspector (part time).

(*Information relating to the Area and the circumstances of the year*).

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	1,504 Acres
Population (Census 1931), 3,139; 1949	3,450
Number of Inhabited Houses end of 1949 according to Rate Book	1,027
Rateable Value	£18,352
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£70

Social Conditions, including the Chief Occupations of the Inhabitants.

The social conditions are very satisfactory. The inhabitants are Railway and Rural workers.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		TOTAL	M	F	
Live Births	Legitimate	55	24	31	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 16.5
	Illegitimate	2	1	1	
	Total	57	25	32	
Still Births		3	1	2	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births 50
Deaths		47	19	28	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 13.5

Deaths from Puerperal causes:—

	Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) Births.
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	—	—
Total	—	—

Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age	—
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	53
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	55
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	4
,, ,, Measles (all ages)	—
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	—
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1949.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths (The number of deaths classified should agree with the total supplied by the Registrar General)			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
0—1			1					
1—5								
5—10								
10—15								
15—20								
20—25	1			1				
25—35	2							
35—45		2						
45—55					1			
55—65	1	1			1			
65 & over	1							
Totals	5	3	1	1	2			
	8		2		2		Nil	

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis of resp. system	2	—
Influenza	—	1
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	—	2
Cancer of all other sites	—	2
Diabetes	1	—
Intercranial vascular lesions	2	4
Heart diseases	11	5
Bronchitis	1	1
Pneumonia	—	2
Digestive disorders	—	2
Premature birth	—	1
Congenital malformations, birth injuries, Infantile Disorders	—	2
Suicide	2	—
All other causes	—	6
Total	19	28

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1949.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.														Hospital.	
	Total Cases All Ages	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 & over	Total Deaths	Total Cases Removed to Hospital from the District.	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to District.
Scarlet Fever ...	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	
Diptheria	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	1	...
Measles	23	1	10	....	4	....	7	...	1	..	....	....	....	....	1	...
Ac : Polio :	1	...	....	....	....	....	1		...	....	....	....	....	....	1	..
Erysipelas	1	...	...		...	....		....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	...
Total..	27														4	

Disinfectants have been supplied in all cases.

Two houses have been fumigated.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

It is necessary to point out for the information of members of the Council that up to July 5th, 1948, the provision of diphtheria immunisation facilities was the duty of the Carnforth Urban District Council as local Sanitary Authority. After that date under the National Health Service Act arrangements for diphtheria immunisation became the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council acting as the local Health Authority.

Under the present system children can be immunised either by their own family doctor or at clinics conducted by the Divisional Medical Officer of the local Health Division and his staff.

Records of immunisation are completed by the General Practitioner in respect of children whom he has immunised and forwarded to the Divisional Health Office.

Records of immunisation carried out at the clinics are completed by the Divisional Medical Officer's staff.

The following table shows the number of children immunised in Carnforth Urban District up to December 31st, 1949.

I should point out that up to July 5th, 1948, many parents had their children immunised by their own private Practitioner and of this number we have no accurate records.

IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1949.

Age at 31st December, 1949. i.e. born in year.	under1 1949	1 1948	2 1947	3 1946	4 1945	5-9 1939-44	10-14 1934-39	Total under 15
Number Immunised.	28	26	57	41	44	171	179	546
Estimated Mid-Year Child Population 1949.	Children under 5 years 281					Children 5-14 years 439		720
Percentage of Child Population Immunised	69.75					79.93		75.83

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

All ambulance services are provided by the Divisional Health Committee of the Lancashire County Council, administered from the Divisional Health Office, 4/5, Dalton Square, Lancaster.

NURSING FACILITIES.

District Nursing Services and Midwifery Services are provided by the Divisional Health Committee of the Lancashire County Council, administered from the Divisional Health Office, 4/5, Dalton Square, Lancaster.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants and Homeless Children.

This service is provided by the Lancashire County Council

SCHOOL HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.

The Lancashire County Council have provided a School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre at 21, Market Street, Carnforth.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE.

The Sewage from the main part of the District is disposed of by running into a settling tank, the liquid running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream. The sludge is used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water-cart through a twelve-inch valve down the manholes.

The whole of the built up area in the Crag Bank District is now sewered. The sewerage is dealt with by means of disposal plants consisting of screening chambers, settling tanks and filter beds.

The present state of the Closet accommodation in the district is as follows:—

Privy Middens, No. of Middens	28
No. of Closets attached to these Middens ...	28
No. of Pail Closets	Nil
No. of Fresh Water Closets	954
No. of Waste Water Closets	45
No. of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens)	Nil
No. of Moveable Ashbins for Refuse	1,000

Conversions during the year 1949:—

No. of Privy Closets to Fresh Water W.C.'s	Nil
No. of Privies situate within the Council's present Sewage System	Nil
No. of Houses at which Moveable Ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles	Nil

The Council have decided to abolish all privy middens within the Council's present sewage scheme.

SCAVENGING.

The collection of House Refuse is carried out by the Council's own staff for the greater portion of the district, the outlying farmers, etc., dealing with their own refuse.

The Refuse is disposed of on the Tipping ground purchased for that purpose.

The number of receptacles emptied are:—

DWELLING HOUSES	
Bins	1000
Ashpits	27
Total	1,027
CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, POST OFFICES, ETC.	
Bins	43
Ashpits	—
Total	43

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Number of premises visited, 49.

Defects or Nuisances: Number discovered, 49; number abated, 47.

Number of Notices served (informal), 48.

Statutory, Nil.

Legal proceedings, Nil.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No houses were found to be infested.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

The different Factories and Workshops have been regularly inspected, and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition, and answer the requirements of the Act.

Bakehouses.

There are three Bakehouses in the District, all are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

The Workshops and Factories are as follows:—

Bakers and Confectioners	3
Boot and Shoe Repairers	4
Blacksmiths	1
Coach Builders	2
Dressmakers, etc.	5
Gas Works	1
Printers	1
Saw Mill and Joinery Works	3
Total,	20

Slaughterhouses.

There is one Slaughterhouse in the District, this being a corrugated iron and wooden structure. Slaughtering for this district, for the Meat Marketing Board, is carried out at Lancaster.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The Dairies and Cowsheds have been inspected, and periodical lime-washing carried out.

Lodging-houses.

There is no common lodging-house in the district.

Schools.

The Sanitary conditions and Water Supply of the Public Elementary Schools are good.

4.—HOUSING.

(a) Statistics.

Number of New Houses erected during the Year:—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)	19
(i) By the Local Authority	15
(ii) By other Local Authorities	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons	4
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:—	
(i) By the Local Authority (included under (a) (i) above)	15
(ii) By other bodies or persons (included under (a) (iii) above	Nil

1. Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year:—

(1) (a) Total number of Dwelling-Houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	49
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	275
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	49

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year:—

without Service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	47

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—

(a) *Proceedings under Sections* 9, 10 *and* 16 *of the Housing Act,* 1936:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices	Nil

(a) By Owners ..... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ..... Nil

(b) *Proceedings under Public Health Acts*:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices:— .....

(a) By Owners ..... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ..... Nil

(c) *Proceedings under Section* 11 *and* 13 *of the Housing Act,* 1936:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... Nil

(d) *Proceedings under Section* 12 *of the Housing Act,* 1936:—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936.—PART IV..—OVERCROWDING:—

(a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year ..... *

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein .....

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein .....

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year .....

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 15

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 52

* No general survey of overcrowding has been made since 1937.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

1.—General Observations as to Housing Conditions:

Four hundred and fifty-nine Cottage type and 286 Parlour type built in rows mostly about the year 1880, good standard for that period and generally sound.

Two hundred and eighty-three Detached and Semi-detached, modern good standard and generally sound.

There are no serious defects in any of the properties which would demand service of demolition notice.

There are no back-to-back houses.

During the year the Council completed the erection of 15 new Houses. Twenty Houses are now in course of erection.

2.—Fitness of Houses.

There is no insanitary property in the area.

3.—Unhealthy Areas.

No part of the area is scheduled as unhealthy.

4.—Bye-Laws.

The existing Bye-Laws appear to be adequate and no diffculty has presented itself.

5.—The housing administration appears to be generally satisfactory.

NUISANCES.

Defective Ashpits or Bins	30
Defective Drains	2
General Defects	9
Defective Roofs and Chimneys	1
Defective W.C.'s and Sanitary Fittings	4
Accumulations and Deposits	2
Total	48

Two hundred and seventy-five visits have been paid inspecting nuisances and work in progress.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water is obtained from the Carnforth Water Company's Reservoir, situate at Withnets, capacity 70,000,000 gallons. The supply is constant.

The nature of the gathering ground is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature and therefore is good for domestic purposes.

Owing to the position of the gathering ground the water is liable to animal pollution.

The Water Company have provided an effective and modern chlorination and filtration plant.

Samples for bacteriological analysis are taken regularly. The Reports have been consistently good.

The outlying farms and cottages are dependent upon springs and wells.

No. of houses using Water Company's piped supply direct to houses	1015
No. of houses using Rain and Well water	12

(*Signed*).

JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.